

REMARKS

Claims 11-25 are pending in this application and have been objected to or stand rejected. In view of the Amendments to the claims and remarks below, reconsideration and withdrawal of these objections and rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 11, 15 and 23 have been objected to because it contains an informality. The Applicants have adopted the Examiner's suggestion of replacing "*Mycobacterial*" with "*Mycobacterium*". Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claim 18 has been objected to because it contains an informality. The Applicants have adopted the Examiner's suggestion and replaced "phophotidylcholine" with "phosphatidylcholine". Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claim 25 has been objected to because it contains an informality. The Applicants have adopted the Examiner's suggestion and replaced "H37Rv" with "H₃₇Rv". Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have adopted the Examiner's suggestion and replaced "an anti-mycobacterial glycolipid antibody from *Mycobacterial tuberculosis*" with "an antibody that binds to a glycolipid from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*." Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because "it is unclear how one obtains an antibody with the necessary binding characteristics if the 'mycobacterium antigens' are from, e.g. *M. scrofulaceum*, or contain no glycolipids."¹ Claim 14 has been amended to recite "which is immunized with the glycolipid." In view of this amendment, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

¹ Office Action at page 4.

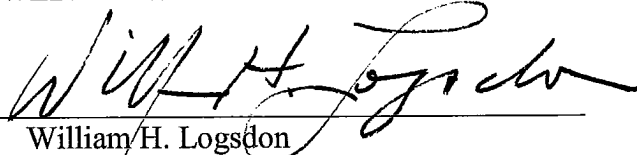
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The Examiner asked whether the co-inventor's name is "Tiwary" or "Tiwari".²
The correct spelling of the co-inventor's surname is "Tiwari".

In view of these amendments, Applicants respectfully request that claims 11-25
be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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² Office Action at page 2.